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Trump execs don't quite get everything right about hotel — or Vancouver

Jen St. Denis & Wanyee Li
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Donald Trump Jr. and Eric Trump at the opening Tuesday.
JENNIFER GAUTHIER/ METRO

"In 2010, Vancouver hosted the Olympic Games, of course the highlight being that Canada won the gold in hockey," Eric Danzinger, CEO of the Trump Organization, said Tuesday during the official opening of the Trump International Hotel and Tower.

"Which is probably why the world's largest hockey stick is here in Vancouver."

Wrong. The biggest hockey stick in the world graces the Cowichan Community Centre in Duncan, B.C.

"Trump International Hotel and Tower is the first hotel to open in Vancouver in the last six years," reads a press release handed out at the opening.

Wrong. Sqwachays Lodge at 31 West Pender and Hotel Blu Vancouver at 177 Robson St. both opened in 2014.

"The property is the first to open in the city in over six years," reads a second release in the press kit.

Wrong. Dozens of condo towers and other properties have opened in Vancouver during the past six years during a construction and real-estate boom.

The tower "is one of the tallest in the city at 69 storeys high."

Technically, just 63, according to marketing material for the building's condos.

As protesters gathered outside the hotel Tuesday morning to protest the name on the hotel, inside two sons of President Donald Trump and the Vancouver developer behind the project were singing each other's praises.

Joo Kim Tiah, the president of Holborn Group and the son of a Malaysian real-estate tycoon, thanked God, his parents, President Trump and the Trump family.

"Thank you for entrusting me with the Trump coveted brand," Tiah said.

Trump's sons, Donald Jr. and Eric, also spoke of a connection between themselves and Tiah that went beyond business. The two men were accompanied by their wives and half-sister Tiffany.

Room rates at the hotel range from $380 for a room with a single king-sized bed to over $1,400 for a two-bedroom suite. Ironically, one of the perks offered by the Trump Hotel in Vancouver is free access to what President Trump has repeatedly called "the failing" New York Times.

Starting in December 2015, Tiah had faced pressure from critics, including Vancouver's mayor, to remove the Trump name from the building — something Tiah has said is not possible because he has contractual obligations with the Trump Organization, which operates the hotel portion of the building. At the time Trump was campaigning for president and had characterized Mexicans as "rapists" and called for Muslims to be banned from entering the United States.

Brent Toderian, Vancouver's former chief planner and an outspoken critic of the Trump name on the hotel, said he was initially giving Tiah "the benefit of the doubt." But, he noted, the developer has since "doubled down" on his association with Trump.

"What I hoped for was that Vancouverites would speak out and put pressure on the issue, whether the name stayed or not, and in doing so Vancouverites would roundly make the point that Trump's value system and messaging is diametrically the opposite of our value system."

About 100 protesters gathered in front of the Trump tower Tuesday morning. Cars driving by the crowd on East Georgia Street honked their support, and people broke into a chorus of O Canada several times.

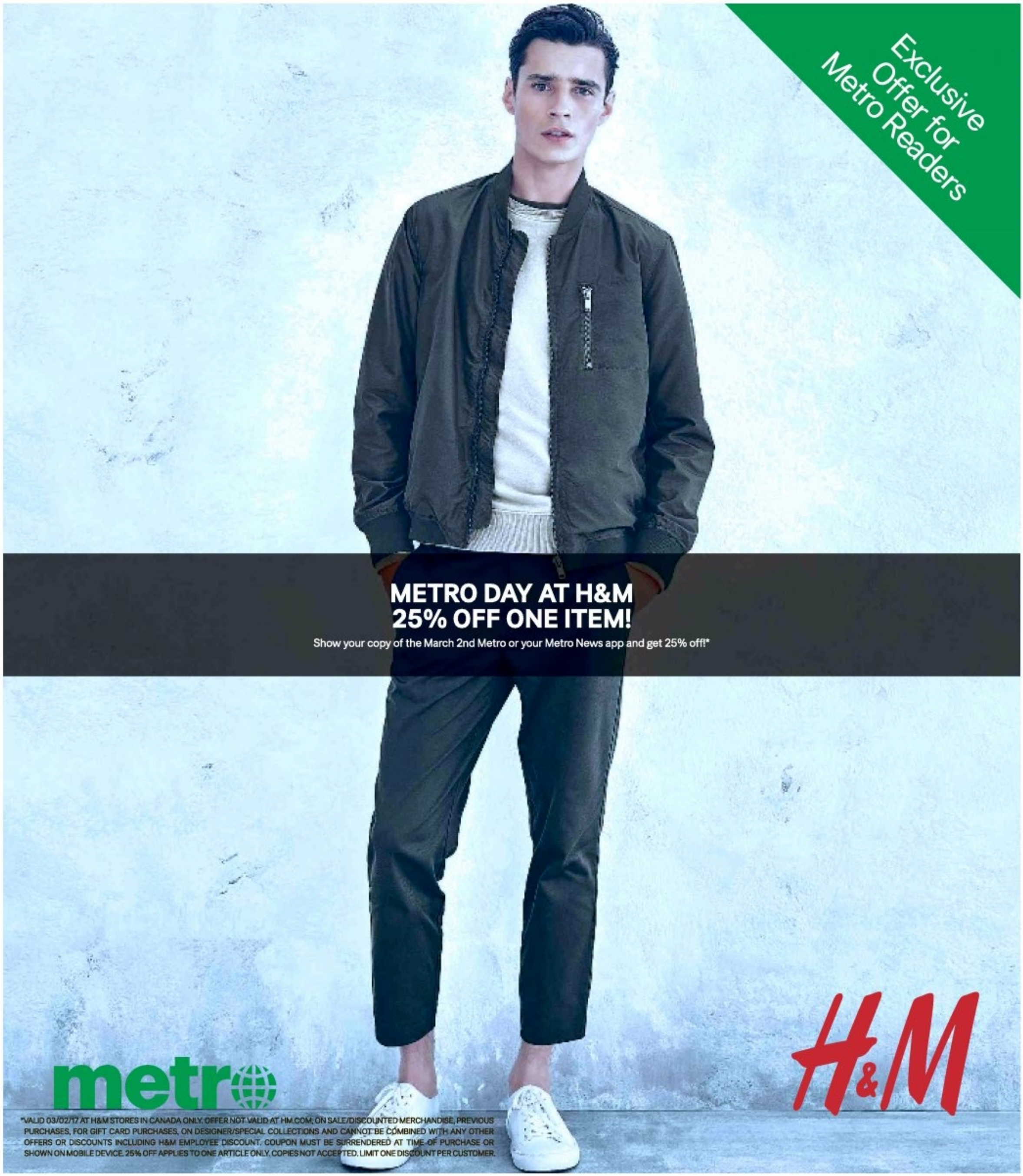
Demonstrators rallied around issues ranging from immigration to LGBTQ rights.

"I'm here giving my support for all the Mexicans who live in the States who are afraid. They don't have a voice," said one protester who identified himself as Jay.

Four Abbotsford high school students skipped class to attend the protest — something they said their principal approved of.

"We have a humanities class, and this election was all we talked about for weeks," said Ayla Kevener.

"This is our future. This will affect us."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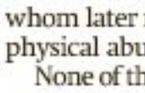
Speech met with silent protest

UBC

John Furlong tells audience to persist when 'life isn't fair'



David P. Ball
Metro | Vancouver

Former Vancouver Olympics CEO John Furlong — who has been dogged by unproven allegations over his time in Burns Lake in the 1970s — expressed his gratitude to the University of British Columbia for re-inviting him after cancelling his speech.

"I want to thank UBC for inviting me back," he told hundreds at a UBC Athletics fundraiser. "I feel like I've been attending this breakfast for three months already and finally we get to eat."

Thirteen silent protesters gathered outside the Vancouver Convention Centre Tuesday morning ahead of Furlong's speech.

Furlong, who received a 30-second standing ovation from the crowd of more than 1,000 as he took the stage, has not made many public appearances since allegations were raised in a 2012 Georgia Straight article which revealed he omitted from his own biography his time in northern B.C. teaching mostly First Nations students, some of whom later made allegations of physical abuse.

None of those allegations have led to criminal charges, nor have they been tested in court. Furlong dropped his own defamation lawsuits against the journalist and publication, and won a libel case the reporter launched against him.

Former Vancouver Olympics CEO **John Furlong** speaks to more than 1,000 attendees at a UBC Athletics fundraiser on Tuesday. UBC president Santa Ono initially cancelled the speech after facing criticism, but then re-invited Furlong to speak. DAVID P. BALL / METRO

> **You can either give up, or get up and fight back and be an example.** John Furlong

Two months ago, UBC faced criticism from several Indigenous students and faculty for its decision to invite Furlong to speak at its athletics fundraiser, following an open letter from "concerned UBC students."

The letter said that Furlong's invitation "affirms him as an important contributor to athletics in Canada," the authors stated, "while neglecting survivor testimonies."

Furlong has repeatedly denied the allegations as unfounded.

But after cancelling his speech, UBC president Santa Ono re-invited him and apologized to Furlong.

However, the shadows of the controversy followed him to the Vancouver Convention Centre venue.

"You sometimes think ... you're indestructible," Furlong told the crowd, "and then life happens to you and you get run over a few times and suddenly you feel vulnerable.

"And you have to grovel your way back. It helps you become a good person."

Thirteen silent demonstrators stood outside a UBC fundraiser Tuesday at the Vancouver Convention Centre. They were protesting the fact that Furlong — who has denied unproven allegations of physical abuse by several First Nations students in Burns Lake, B.C. — was invited to speak. DAVID P. BALL/METRO

The protesters outside the venue's main entrance held signs expressing support for survivors of abuse.

The demonstrators would not speak to Metro, only stating they were showing "solidarity" with his Burns Lake accusers — and did not want to speak for them.

But a statement sent to Metro from protest organizers said their intent was to "focus on the silencing of survivors of Burns Lake school, especially calling for accountability from Ono ... The survivors ... have thus far been pushed out of the conversation about Ono's invitation to Furlong."

Furlong acknowledged the controversy on campus in his speech, encouraging student athletes to persist even when "life isn't fair."

"As life goes on, we all realize that bad things happen to everybody," he said. "When it happens, what are you going to do? You can either give up, or get up and fight back and be an example."

Ono expressed his gratitude for Furlong's willingness to speak despite being temporarily uninvited. The university president did not make reference to the allegations nor the student and faculty concerns in the open letter.

"It is because of him that this city and this nation celebrated the Vancouver Olympics," Ono said. "John's contributions to this city and in particular its sporting landscape were most famously made with the 2010 Winter Olympics ... John thank you for graciously bearing with us over the last few months."

Furlong himself nodded to the campus controversy, however, quoting former U.S. secretary of state Henry Kissinger: "University politics makes me long for the simplicity of the Middle East."

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Researchers map CO2 emissions

SCIENCE

Technology an 'important step' for reduction programs

Wanyee Li
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UBC researchers are pioneering a new method of mapping greenhouse-gas emissions in the city that could help policymakers usher in more emission-reducing programs.

The technology uses car2go vehicles equipped with lightweight sensors to gather carbon dioxide (CO2) data throughout the city's streets. Researchers then map this data into a fine resolution map that can track emissions over time as well as compare pollution density among neighbourhoods.

It's the first time researchers have been able to gather data on emissions in such an accurate way, said UBC atmospheric-science professor, Andreas Christen.

The 3D map images show levels of measured carbon dioxide concentration at street level in downtown Vancouver. The red indicates high levels while the yellow indicates low levels of carbon dioxide. COURTESY UBC

"What we want to do is assist planners and also generally decision makers in identifying areas where emissions happen … but also in having a system in place that you can use to validate or test emission-reduction efforts."

CO2 can be an elusive pollutant when it comes to pinpointing its levels, he said.

"Most pollution you can smell it but essentially to visualize (CO2), this was an important step."

Governments currently use estimates that are calculated based on economic statistics such as the amount of fossil fuel the province buys. That data can be scaled down for cities based on population density but it is still too broad a tool for city planners who are looking for neighbourhood data, said Christen.

To prove there was a way to measure emissions directly at street level, Christen and UBC geography graduate, Joseph Lee, drove five car2go cars equipped with sensors across a diagonal swath of Vancouver that stretches from Victoria-Fraserview up to Stanley Park. They conducted the experiment once in the winter and once in the summer and came back with data that could be traced back to a specific street or city block.

> **What we want to do is assist planners and also generally decision makers in identifying areas where emissions happen.**
> Andreas Christen

"We got a fine-grain picture of the city," said Christen.

They combined that data with information collected by sensors mounted on skyscrapers to provide a 3D model of CO2 emissions in Vancouver.

"What is novel about our method is that we are able to combine multiple mobile sensors with tower data, and to consequently map emissions across large areas of a city in high detail," said Lee.

Their results backed up the scientific community's calculated estimates, which led to their proof of concept, published Wednesday in Atmospheric Measurement Techniques.

The potential for this kind of technology is huge because there are thousands of car-share vehicles, or even bikes, that can carry these CO2-measuring sensors.

"In a way it links to crowd-sourcing data — using the random patterns of people driving through cities."

Lee also made code 'open source,' a term in the tech community that means people can use the software without paying. The goal is to help people in rapidly urbanizing places in the developing world measure emissions, said Christen.

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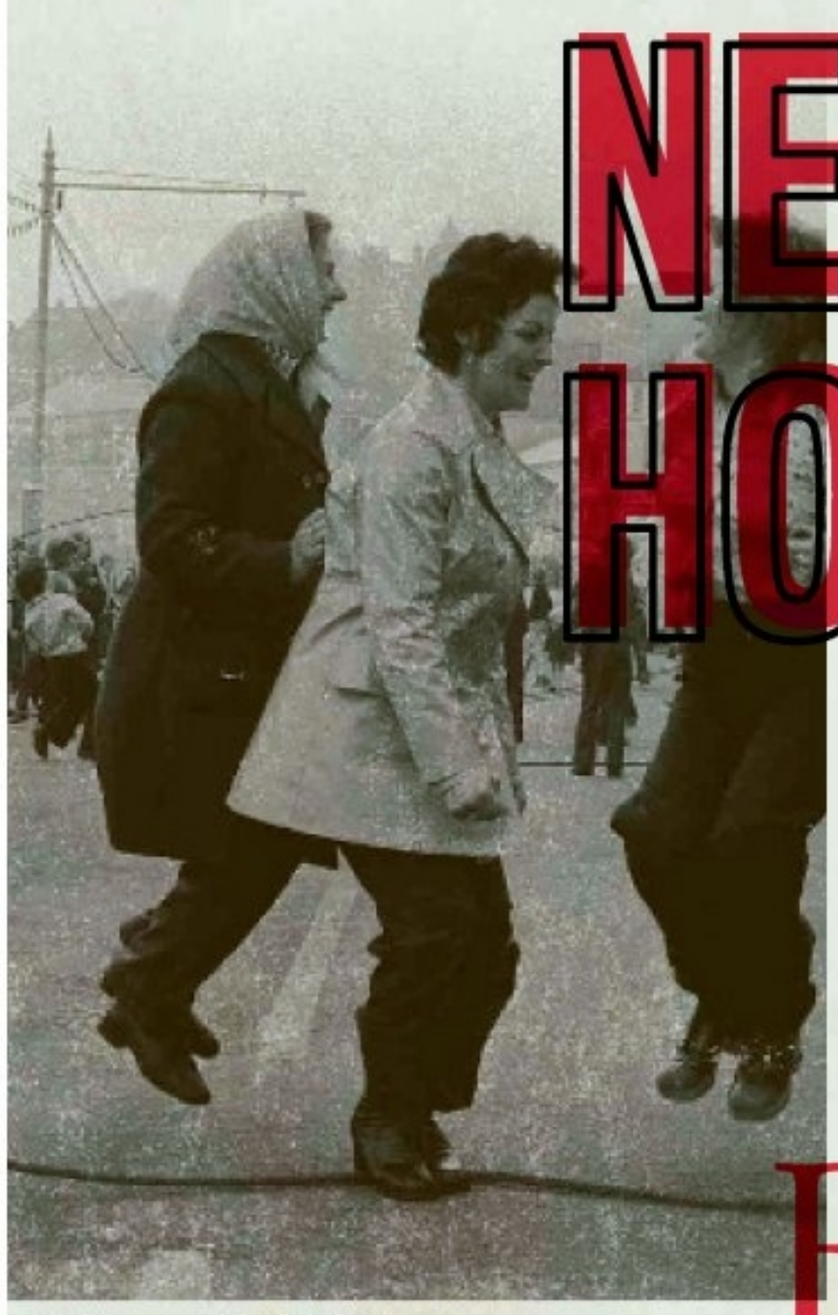

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Calls for ban on paid blood clinics in B.C.

SAFETY

System should be '100 per cent voluntary' says Health Coalition

British Columbia's government is under pressure to join Ontario and Quebec and prevent clinics that pay for blood products from launching new operations in the province.

Only government intervention can ban the private plasma clinics from opening and draining the supply of blood at volunteer donor clinics, NDP health critic Judy Darcy said Tuesday.

"What we're raising here, which the World Health Organization has said for years, is we need to move quickly toward a 100 per cent voluntary system," she said. "This government is moving in the opposite direction."

Darcy was joined at the legislature by members of the B.C. Health Coalition who collected more than 6,000 signatures on a petition calling for an immediate ban on the pay-for-plasma clinics. Health Minister Terry Lake said he was not aware of any imminent arrival of a private plasma clinic, adding more than 80 per cent of B.C.'s current supply of plasma arrives from private facilities in the United States.

He did not appear convinced by arguments that private facilities will harm B.C. patients. Lake said the government is more concerned with providing reliable blood services to patients than becoming embroiled in an ideological debate about who supplies blood products.

"Without paid donations, paid plasma, we would not be able to meet the needs of Canadians and British Columbians," he said. "That's our No. 1 concern, making sure we can provide these life-saving plasma proteins for people."

Outside the legislature, Andrew Cumming, a hemophiliac who contracted hepatitis C and HIV from tainted blood, said paying people for plasma leads to concerns about the safety of the products. He said people needing money could be tempted to lie about their health. Cumming said it would likely shock most Canadians to discover there are few jurisdictions in Canada that prevent paying for blood and plasma. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Members of the B.C. Health Coalition collected more than 6,000 signatures on a petition calling for an immediate ban on the pay-for-plasma clinics. JOERN POLLEX/GETTY IMAGES

POLITICS

Auditor questions surplus calculations

British Columbia's auditor general is raising questions about the way the provincial government records revenue it receives from the federal government.

Carol Bellringer's office is taking issue with the surplus recorded for the 2015-16 fiscal year in the annual report on the government's public accounts. The government recorded revenues of $47.6 billion and reported expenses of $46.9 billion, leaving a surplus of about $700 million. The auditor general's office says it disagrees with that amount, because revenue from federal government transfers for capital assets was deferred.

Bellringer says this is the fourth year in a row that her office has differed with the government on the way it records funding from other levels of government. She has previously concluded that the government should have recorded a higher annual surplus and that over time the government has inappropriately deferred a total of $4.2 billion. "As we have stated in previous reports, this practice of recording revenue clouds the true financial health of the province," Bellringer says in the report. "Also, when the province's financial statements differ from Canadian public sector accounting standards, it reduces their comparability and usefulness."

$700M

Recorded revenues were $47.6 billion and expenses were $46.9B, leaving a surplus of $700 million.

In response to the audit, the acting comptroller general says the province's approach to its financial statements is consistent with accounting standards used by senior levels of government in Canada. "Governments fund the capital requirements of public sector entities through grants that are restricted for a specific purpose such as public construction," Carl Fischer said.

"Those contributions have been recorded as a liability rather than revenue when received because it best represents the ongoing obligation of the recipient to deliver the service to taxpayers for the useful life of the asset."

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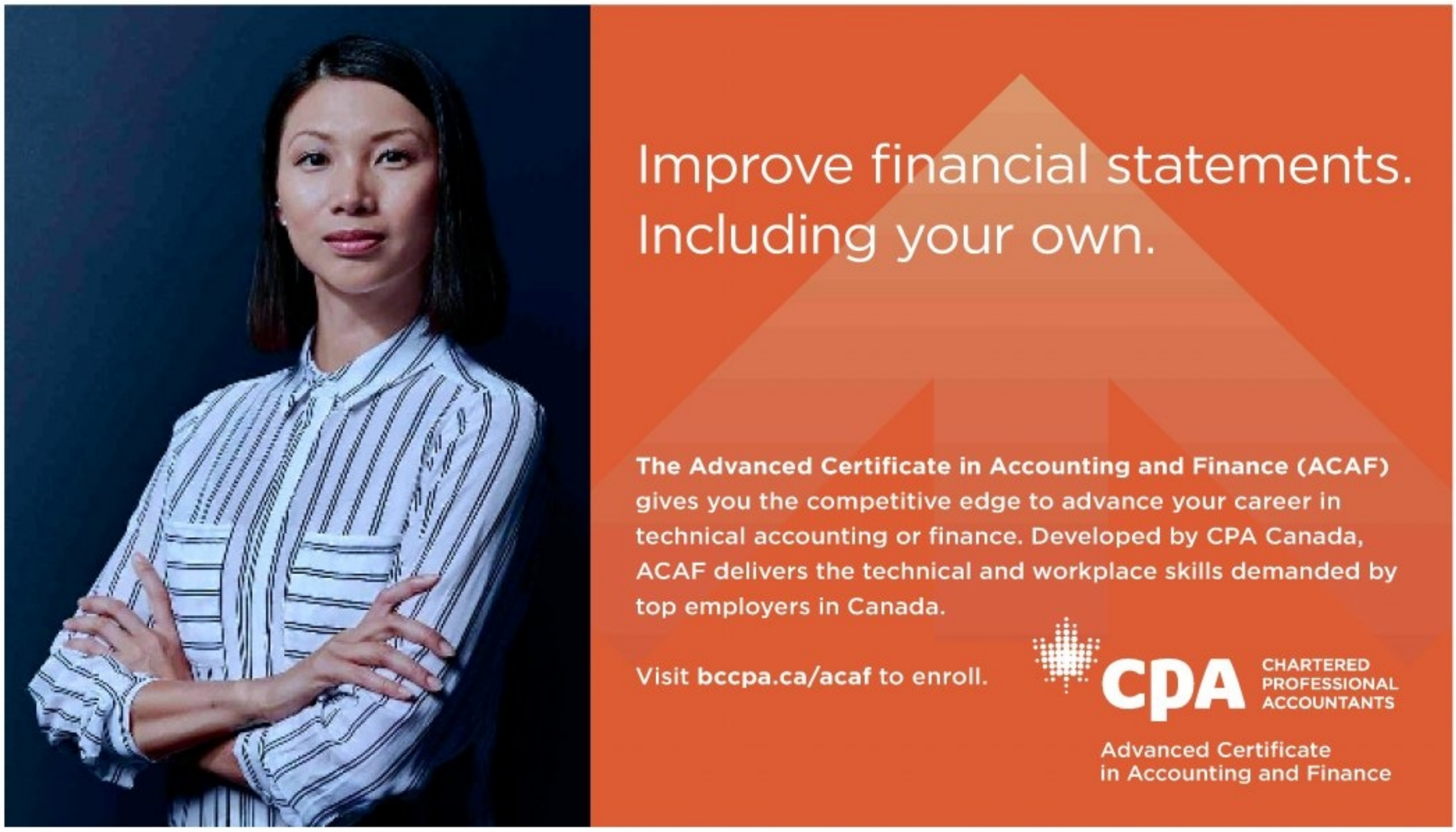
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Opioids a 'complex issue'

HEALTH

Minister open to considering prescription heroin

Terry Lake, British Columbia's health minister, clarified his reasons for not immediately authorizing prescription heroin to opioid users for whom other treatments have failed, despite thousands dying of overdoses in the past year in B.C.

But he has not ruled out the possibility that some high-risk neighbourhoods — potentially the Downtown Eastside, Victoria or Surrey, he hinted — could see such a program rolled out beyond the current 130 people allowed to receive government-issued opioids such as hydromorphone (also known as Dilaudid) or diacetylmorphine, the medical name for heroin.

"We need to take it one step at a time, and be informed by the evidence," Lake said. "If there are opportunity to expand some avenues that are appropriate, those aren't necessarily appropriate all over the province.

"For the Downtown Eastside an expansion of either diacetylmorphine or hydromorphone may be appropriate but it's probably not something that is easily done in other areas of the province. There may be some areas, Victoria or Surrey, I don't know."

The minister made the remarks while attending a funding announcement of an on-demand, peer-based treatment program at the Downtown Eastside Connections facility, where some of the peer-support workers gave testimony about the transformative power of the model.

Health minister Terry Lake (left) listens as former injection drug user Rob Morgan speaks about his experiences and his peer-support work during the opening of the Downtown Eastside Connections on-demand treatment clinic. DAVID P. BALL/METRO

> This (is) medicine in the same way that insulin is medicine. We can't be ideological about our approach to health care.
> Dr. Terry Lake

One of them wore a hoodie bearing the words "without judgment" on its back, and Lake applauded the approach.

"For too long, we have been standing in judgment of people who are challenged with addictions," Lake told reporters. "People think that it's a moral choice, that it's just a matter of willpower. That's not the case.

"It's a complex chronic medical condition that's relapsing in many cases. We know that we need to approach this type of complex issue in a different way — it's not like fixing a broken leg."

Lake, a veterinarian who is not running for reelection in May's provincial election, has seen fentanyl overdoses explode in his final two years in office — and under his watch the province declared a public health emergency last spring and later opened what health authorities called "overdose prevention sites" in several cities.

Lake said that his government is committed to "evidence-based treatment" that's "culturally appropriate" and safe. Asked about prescription heroin as such a possibility — the provincial health officer recently told Metro the evidence was conclusive it worked — Lake deferred to a high-level B.C. expert group to recommend such a move as government-issued opioids, while admitting he won't "shy away from the fact that it is controversial," he said in response to a Metro question. "We rely on experts like the B.C. Centre for Substance Use to guide policy.

"I've asked Vancouver Coastal (Health) to look at opportunities for expansion of all treatments. I don't think that we should be boxed in by any particular policy, but we need to be led by the evidence and make sure what we're doing is building on what we've learned in the past."

SANCTUARY

Schools welcome kids of migrants

At the end of a day that began with protests against U.S. President Donald Trump's sons opening a tower in his name in Vancouver, a neighbouring city's school board voted to roll out the welcome mat for children of undocumented immigrants like those Trump has vowed to deport from his country.

In a Tuesday evening vote, New Westminster School Board officially declared its district welcoming of undocumented immigrants — and in a departure from similar policies in Vancouver and Burnaby, issued specific guidelines to staff not to allow border authorities into schools "unless required by law" to do so.

Metro first reported New Westminster's proposed policy Feb. 7, at which point it was merely suggested for consideration by the board's education committee.

The two-page policy approved Tuesday states that "all school age children who are ordinarily resident in the school district, including those with precarious immigration status or no immigration status in Canada, are entitled to admission in school."

But it goes further, stating: "The Board shall not permit Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) officials or immigration authorities to enter schools or Board facilities unless required by law."

The board's vice-chair Mark Gifford said it was "exciting news" that came "after much work and effort by many individuals, community and school partners over the past year, he told Metro.

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IN BRIEF

Pair rescued at ski resort after going out-of-bounds
Work done last week while rescuing seven people at Sun Peaks, north of Kamloops, B.C., paid off Monday night when two more skiers ventured out-of-bounds at almost the same place near the resort. Hobler said the pair carried flashlights and two-way radios so rescuers were able to see and speak with them, and were able to guide them to snowmobile tracks left from last week's rescue. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Man presumed drowned after canoe accident
RCMP in Nanaimo, B.C., said a man was missing and presumed drowned in Westwood Lake, west of the Vancouver Island city. Rescuers searched the lake Monday night and divers returned to the scene at first light, but no trace of the unnamed victim had been found. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Operating room opens
A second operating room as been opened at Squamish General Hospital, north of Vancouver, and is expected to boost the number of surgeries performed in the Sea-to-Sky community by nearly 600. Additional surgeries now available in Squamish include orthopedics, urology, ear, nose and throat procedures, obstetrics, gynecology and plastic surgery.
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Calgary family clings to hope

HEALTH CARE

Child with rare cancer denied transplant in Edmonton

Elizabeth Cameron
For Metro | Calgary

By the time you read this, Lindsey Marofke will be in Cincinnati.

It's the only chance she has to save her daughter's life. Unable to get a potentially life-saving treatment in Alberta, when a doctor in Cincinnati offered to try, Lindsey knew she had to take her chances.

Three-year-old Greta Marofke has hepatoblastoma, a rare form of liver cancer that typically affects very young children.

She beat the disease once, but has since relapsed.

Greta's liver must be replaced with healthy one, and fast — her cancer hasn't spread to other parts of her body yet.

Dr. James Geller, medical director of the kidney and liver tumours program at Cincinnati Children's Hospital, believes he has a chance to save Greta's life.

Greta Marofke has relapsed hepatoblastoma, a rare form of liver cancer. CONTRIBUTED

"He called me up on Friday and said, 'I need you to come here, Greta deserves a chance,'" Lindsey said. "I'm just hanging onto that hope, because a few days ago we didn't have it."

Greta has been offered palliative care at a hospital in Toronto, where she has been staying for the past three weeks.

> **I can't give up on her — she's my baby.**
> Lindsey Marofke

"In Canada, they've basically said we can buy you some time, that's all we can do," Lindsey said through tears.

"I can't give up on her — she's my baby and she looks so good. If you saw her you'd have no idea that this is going on inside her body."

The Stollery Children's Hospital in Edmonton denied Greta as a liver transplant candidate because her chance of survival is too low.

"Getting approved for an organ is really difficult. You have to be able to prove that your chances of survival are greater than 50 per cent," Lindsey said.

The last study published about the condition Greta has listed transplant survival outcomes at 40 per cent.

"She doesn't meet the minimum, so basically they won't do it," Lindsey said.

In a statement, Alberta Health Services (AHS) said the pediatric liver transplant program at the Stollery Children's Hospital examines all cases of pediatric patients with recurring hepatoblastoma on a case-by-case basis.

"The program has and may proceed with listing a patient for transplant, depending on the individual's specific medical condition," said AHS.

After all is said and done, the price tag for the trip, treatment, and transplant will likely ring in at more than $1 million US.

CONSERVATIVES

Leitch posts weird video on Facebook

Andrew Fifield
Metro | Toronto

Conservative leadership candidate Kellie Leitch's latest campaign move is an eight-minute monologue packed with jarring cuts, awkward pauses and dreamy-eyed gazes toward a middle distance.

It has been met with a frosty reception since it debuted on her Facebook page Monday. Leitch uses the video to repeat her calls for what she describes as a "values test" for people considering immigrating to Canada.

"Canadians are proud of their country and proud of their unified Canadian identity," the former cabinet minister says. "They're proud of their values — values like hard work, generosity, freedom and tolerance."

Leitch's rhetoric on immigration has often been compared to that used by U.S. President Donald Trump, who she said had "an exciting message that needs to be delivered in Canada as well."

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‘The time for small thinking is over’

POLITICS

Donald Trump talks big during his first address to Congress

President Donald Trump addresses a joint session of Congress in Washington on Tuesday. JIM LO SCALZO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Heralding a “new chapter of American greatness,” U.S. President Donald Trump stood before Congress for the first time Tuesday night and issued a broad call for creating new jobs, overhauling the nation’s health-care system and significantly boosting military spending.

Striking an optimistic tone, Trump declared: “The time for small thinking is over.”

Trump’s address came at a pivotal moment for a new president elected on pledges to swiftly shake up Washington and follow through on the failed promises of career politicians. His opening weeks in office have been consumed by distractions and self-inflicted wounds, including the bungled rollout of a sweeping immigration and refugee executive order that was blocked by the courts.

Trump sent unexpectedly mixed messages on immigration, one of his signature campaign issues. He pledged to vigorously target people living in the U.S. illegally who “threaten our communities and prey on our citizens.” But he told news anchors before his speech that he was open to legislation that could provide a pathway to legal status, and he told Congress he believed “real and positive immigration reform is possible.”

But Trump still said the country will soon begin construction on a wall along the U.S.-Mexican border, saying construction will soon begin on the wall, which “will be started ahead of schedule and, when finished, it will be a very effective weapon against drugs and crime.”

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SHOUT OUT

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau received a mention from Donald Trump in his speech Tuesday: “With the help of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, we have formed a council with our neighbours in Canada to help ensure that women entrepreneurs have access to the networks, markets and capital they need.”

THE CANADIAN PRESS

White House aims to silence whistleblowers

When White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer wanted to crack down on leaks last week, he collected his aides’ cellphones to check for communication with reporters. The crackdown leaked.

Spicer’s losing round in Washington’s game of information whack-a-mole was hardly a surprise. In trying to plug leaks from anonymous sources, Donald Trump and his aides are going after one of the most entrenched practices in Washington, an exercise that has exposed corruption, fuelled scandals and spread gossip for decades.

But the practice has created several headaches for the new president, leading Trump, just weeks into his presidency, to publicly vow to try to punish “low-life leakers” in his own administration. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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PAUL WELLS ON CANADA'S BRAND IN THE AGE OF TRUMP

How can Canada use the chaos in D.C. to pursue its own interests?

It's time to conclude, on a balance of probabilities, that Donald Trump will be merely an ineffectual president.

For a while it seemed the White House's listless new tenant might have some sort of trade strategy. For a few days he even seemed to be preparing for an attack on Iran. That seems so long ago. He may yet do something big domestically, like repeal Obamacare, although the news that massive new social programs contain fine print has rattled him badly.

Being an evil genius takes an ungodly amount of prep work. Who knew? It's so much easier to hightail it to Mar-A-Lago for another weekend. Down there, the world is divided into people who are paid to be nice to him and people who have paid to be nice to him. He can handle both.

Perhaps the time is coming, or soon will, when the Trudeau government should adjust its strategy regarding Trump. The original working assumptions are already running out of steam.

For both the prime minister and his detractors, Trump was viewed, after his astonishing election victory last November, as a potential source of organized menace to the Canadian economy.

He would tax industrial goods at the border. He would abrogate NAFTA and ensnare Canada in protracted negotiations, where his decades of experience as a dealmaker would leave poor naïve Justin Trudeau bereft and dizzy, wearing only a barrel on leather shoulder straps.

In response, Trudeau executed a profound reorganization of his ministry, of the public service and of Liberal political staff. The goal was to become more nimble on the defence, accelerating information-gathering and decision-making across government to ensure that whatever move Trump might make, Canada could respond.

But perhaps defence isn't the game. Or at least it shouldn't be the only game. Because maybe this president is incapable of organizing an offence.

That's the conclusion the Russians seem to have drawn. If anyone should be taken as an authority on Donald Trump, it's the Russians. In a fascinating story in Tuesday's New York Times, assorted Russian analysts said Vladimir Putin is now treating Trump, not as a conniving ally but as a random-event generator who will pull Washington into chaos.

"Right now the Kremlin is looking for ways that Russia can use the chaos in Washington to pursue its own interests," pro-Putin analyst Sergei Markov told the Times. "The main hope is that the U.S. will be preoccupied with itself and will stop pressuring Russia."

What would an offensive Canadian strategy look like, if Canada followed Markov's reasoning? How can Canada use the chaos in Washington to pursue its own interests?

One set of interests is inbound: It's about who comes to our shores. Canada has long watched while the United States attracted a disproportionate share of the brightest students, the most distinguished researchers, the wiliest entrepreneurs.

Finance Minister Bill Morneau has already been making changes to attract all those groups. A concerted global marketing program would spread the word. Canada has a big disadvantage: unlike Australia or the UK, it has no national education minister to lead global marketing efforts. Nor should it, education being a provincial responsibility.

But a senior federal minister should be put in charge of marketing Canadian research and education, in partnership with the provinces. I nominate François-Philippe Champagne, the new trade minister, because he's so peppy he's probably already doing it anyway.

Another interest, the attraction of international investors for Canadian infrastructure projects, is well in hand, and I have no advice to offer.

The third Canadian interest is the most delicate: the search for strategic partners to replace an increasingly introspective United States.

In some ways, America can't be replaced: Nowhere else is as close, as rich or as culturally simpatico. But Trudeau must conclude, as every modern prime minister has in different ways, that it does no good to rely too closely on the Americans alone. Especially now.

China stayed aloof from even Jean Chrétien's ardent courting. Trudeau will not be able to tap its amazing potential in the short term. Europe is almost as big, richer and needs friends now too. The working relationships built up over a decade's CETA talks must not be allowed to atrophy now.

In his mandate letter to international development minister Marie-Claude Bibeau, Trudeau urged her to "refocus Canada's development assistance on helping the poorest and most vulnerable." That now seems simplistic. Many of Africa's national economies are rising, fitfully but full of promise. Canada should build long-term relationships by supporting institutions that educate a new African leadership class and strengthen African markets, legal systems and governance.

I could go on. A few hours' brainstorming could generate countless ideas for pursuing Canadian prosperity in an era of American eclipse. It's work nobody would have wanted. But the task now seems at hand.

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Missed manners In the Oval Office on Monday. GETTY IMAGES

Conway's couch crouching proves meritocracy a sham

Vicky Mochama
Metro

When I saw the picture of Kellyanne Conway, adviser to President Trump, with her feet tucked under her on an Oval Office couch, I could hear my mom saying — or, let's be real here — yelling "Beka amagoro inse!"

That is Kisii for "You own nothing in this house and your presence here is optional so you need to act right, or else." (It is actually not but that is what it felt like.) I still hear it when I put my feet up on my own table in my own house.

The image isn't striking because a grown woman is sitting on her feet and looking at her phone on her boss's couch. No, Kellyanne got real casual during a photo opportunity with the leaders of America's historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs).

To me, a roomful of black academics is a room of aunties and uncles empowered to yell at you. So, I was a little scared for Kellyanne.

But she knows she doesn't have to operate by those standards. When photos of Barack Obama putting his feet up on the Resolute Desk in the Oval Office first surfaced, Fox News basically aired a war crimes tribunal for a week. Every move by the Obamas was examined for its perceived rudeness. These were (and are) black professionals at the apex of human achievement.

If respectability is the measure by which white officials will respect black people, you cannot get more respectable than that group of people in the Oval on Monday. They didn't just go to the best schools; some now run the best schools.

If the election of a mediocre businessman for president didn't do it, then this photo should render apparent that there is no such thing as a meritocracy. Some of America's highest educated and highly accomplished black people grimaced through it while Kellyanne Conway took a picture from the couch of them with the president.

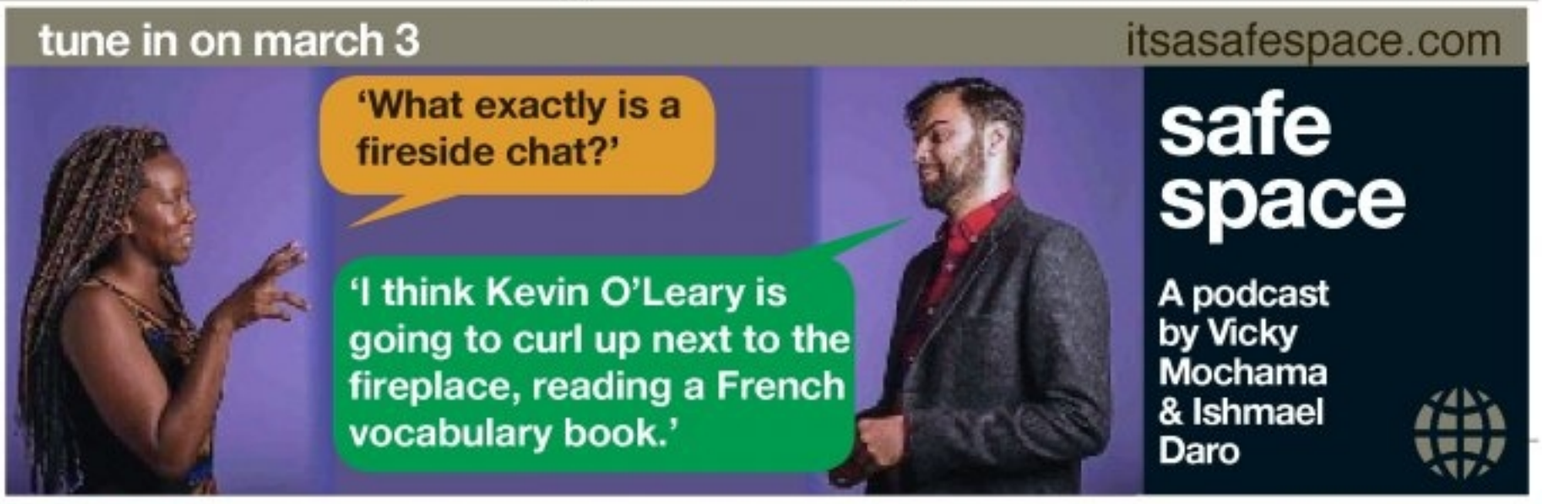
The administration's disrespect is evident. Dillard University president Walter Kimbrough wrote that the meeting was meant to be with Education Secretary Betsy DeVos but suddenly included a visit with the president.

After pushing them around and photographing them, Secretary DeVos issued a statement saying that HBCUs were an example of so-called school choice. When, in fact, they were founded as a response to racist schools barring black students.

The photo isn't trivial; it is emblematic of the relationship that black Americans now have with their government. The administration will use black people to lie about black history in order to make black life worse.

I can only hope that the American public tells Trump that he owns nothing in the White House and his presence is optional.

Because he's definitely not going to act right.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FOOD CULTURE

How epicurean epiphany led a German tourist to new venture

Holger Boeckner's Poutine Kitchen serves up his version of the Canadian delicacy in Berlin. CONTRIBUTED

Holger Boeckner had an epicurean epiphany of sorts while visiting Canada in 2007. Out clubbing with Canadian friends in Montreal, the German tourist was introduced to Quebec's street food of fries, gravy and cheese curds. It was 4 a.m. and his first poutine.

"It was salty, delicious, fatty," recalled Boeckner with a big wistful smile at a cafe in Berlin. "It was the right meal for the situation."

Boeckner was so enamoured with poutine that he opened The Poutine Kitchen last November, partnering up with a German dairy producer to manufacture and sell squeaky cheese.

On Jan. 25, he got to promote the product in a major way: by offering bowls of poutine at the first meeting in 2017 of the German Canadian Business Association. That same week, he proffered small snacks of poutine at the massive annual Green Week exposition of products in Berlin, which features local, non-GMO and organic items (Boeckner's cheese is local and non-GMO but not certified organic).

He returned to Canada and the U.S. a few times since that initial visit, and sought poutine wherever he went. In Austin, Texas, during the SXSW festival in 2013, he attended a party held by the Canadian delegation and catered with poutine.

"I realized in my subsequent visits: I loved poutine," he said. He and his neighbour, a Canadian, tried to make poutine, but "we realized it wasn't possible to make it authentic because we didn't have cheese curds."

Indeed, poutine is relatively simple in composition since fries and gravy are a staple in almost any European country. However, the squeaky cheese — solid parts of curdled milk — is what can trip up the desire for a classic poutine. Curds are made from fresh milk, which has to be pasteurized — during which rennet is added so it clots. It then becomes a blend of whey (liquid) and early-stage "curd" and must be cooked. Lastly, it is pressed, separating the whey from the curd and voila, you have cheese curds.

Importing cheese curds from Canada could take weeks, Boeckner said, bogged down by EU rules that require inspections and clearances.

"The cheese curd needs to be produced nearby so it can be consumed quickly and still be squeaky," Boeckner said. "Most of the places selling poutine in Europe use mozzarella or some salty version of cheese."

> **Germans love cheese, fries and gravy. They just haven't had that combination yet.**
>
> Holger Boeckner, left

In 2014, realizing he was about to be laid off from his film public relations job, Boeckner decided to bring "real" poutine to Germany. He set about visiting cheese fairs in the Berlin region and wound up at Bauernkäserei Wolters, where he described the curds to owner Pieter Wolters and his production manager, Uta Gerlach.

"I described it as 'this is a cheese that squeaks' and then the consistency as well — a little spongelike. I said it had to be eaten fresh," says Boeckner.

Last March they created their first batch — 40 kilograms. Boeckner declared it a success: "It was tasty and squeaky."

The following May came the real test: giving it to Canadians. With packs of gravy mix from St. Hubert's chicken fast food joint in Quebec, Boeckner arranged a special poutine party for six Canadian friends in Berlin.

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Last November, Bauernkäserei Wolters began selling 250 g packages of cheese curds online for 5.48 euros ($7.62) plus shipping.

"They said it was just like home," Boeckner said, holding up a video of a woman declaring: "The cheese is perfect. The gravy is perfect. You nailed it."

He doesn't have any sales numbers for the cheese yet, but Boeckner has heard excited reactions from Canadians in Berlin.

Berlin resident Patrick Beaudette, who was born in B.C. but has lived in Montreal, heard about the cheese and ordered a kilo. "I refuse to use mozzarella," said Beaudette, who is in the city finishing up his PhD in molecular biology. "(It) has everything it should have: the mild flavour, it's salty and the squeak."

Boeckner is determined to spread the poutine joy among Germans as his business grows. He hopes to open a poutine-focused shop in spring — which doesn't exist yet in Berlin.

"Germans love fries, cheese and gravy. They just haven't had that combination yet. They will like it. I know." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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15 local spots make Best Restaurants list

CANADA'S 100 BEST

Montreal slips in annual list, Toronto home to #1 eatery

Désolés, Montreal. The 416 has overtaken the 514 for the first time at the top of Canada's 100 Best, the third-annual list of the country's finest dining establishments as chosen by a panel of 82 industry experts.

Toronto's Alo, which chef Patrick Kriss opened in 2015, unseated Montreal's two-time champ Toqué.

Hogtown finished with five of the country's top 10 restaurants: Alo (1), Edulis (5), Buca Yorkville (7), Canoe (8) and Dandylion (9).

"That is total domination of fine dining," said Jacob Richler, the magazine's editor.

Alo debuted on the list as Canada's best new eatery last year.

"The finesse and discipline of that kitchen he runs — it's genuinely extraordinary," said Richler of Patrick Kriss's restaurant located on a third floor above Chinatown on Spadina Ave.

"You leave an unassuming street and suddenly you're in this elegant little oasis the moment you emerge out of the elevator shaft. It feels cool and groovy and you're happy to be a part of it."

Toronto and Montreal made up half of the Best 100 entirely, Montreal with 26 spots and Toronto with 24.

Ten smaller cities and towns cracked the list with one raved-about spot each, including Langdon Hall (15) in Cambridge, Ont., which jumped back into the top 20. Former Scaramouche chef Michael Stadtländer's Eigensinn Farm (77) in Singhampton, Ont..

There were 15 Vancouver eateries in the top 100 with Hawksworth cracking the top 10.

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Hawksworth restaurant at the Rosewood Hotel Georgia was Vancouver's top performer, ranked sixth overall. INSTAGRAM

BEST IN TOWN

Vancouver restaurants in Canada's Best 100:
6) Hawksworth; 14) Kissa Tanto; 24) L'Abbatoir; 26) Vij's; 31) Nightingale; 32) Maenam; 33) Cioppino's; 40) Savio Volpe; 51) Masayoshi; 69) Cinara; 71) Ancora Waterfront Dining; 78) Blue Water Cafe; 83) AnnaLena; 90) Ask For Luigi; 96) Le Crocodile.
CANADA'S BEST 100

BEATTY ASKS FOR ANSWERS

Oscars best picture mess still rumbling on

Warren Beatty says Academy of Motion Pictures President Cheryl Boone Isaacs should "publicly clarify" what happened during Sunday night's best picture presentation "as soon as possible."

Beatty released a statement Tuesday to The Associated Press in which he declined to comment further on the debacle that led to him and co-presenter Faye Dunaway mistakenly reading La La Land as best picture winner rather than Moonlight. Instead, he urged the academy to answer questions. "I feel it would be more appropriate for the president of the Academy, Cheryl Boone Isaacs, to publicly clarify what happened as soon as possible," said Beatty. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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REVIEW

Hybrid upsets with better fuel efficiency and price point

Dan Ilika
AutoGuide.com

As good as it is, it's tough to describe the 2017 Hyundai Ioniq Hybrid as anything but ill-timed. It's an alternative fuel vehicle going up against gas prices that remain at historic lows.

That this Hyundai is a compact car only makes matters worse, as the popularity of crossovers continues to climb. To overcome those sizable-though-surmountable odds, the Hyundai Ioniq Hybrid has a few key qualities working in its favour.

For starters, it's built on a dedicated platform developed solely to serve as the basis for electrified rides that includes both conventional and plug-in hybrid versions of the Ioniq, plus a pure-electric model.

The decision to build the Ioniq as a small sedan was designed to eke out as much efficiency as possible. The very shape of the car was cleverly crafted to improve airflow. And it worked. With a drag coefficient of 0.24, the Ioniq slips through the air like a Tesla Model S.

The Ioniq may share its drag coefficient with the Model S, but it's significantly smaller than the all-electric ride. The Ioniq is more similarly sized to the Prius or Chevrolet Cruze.

Its diminutive dimensions impact interior space in different ways. The front seats pack plenty of room. Slide into the rear seats and space shrinks significantly. Cargo room, however, stands at an impressive 750 litres. That mark is second in the segment only to the Prius and exceeds the likes of the hatchback versions of the Cruze and Honda Civic.

When it comes to efficiency, Hyundai's first dedicated hybrid ranks ahead of the standard-bearing Toyota Prius. Its impressive efficiency is only matched by its ambitious price point.

Base models are estimated to start at $24,000. An equivalent Prius will set you back $28,880. Step up to a top-of-the-line Limited model and you can expect to pay about $31,000. A loaded Prius Touring, meanwhile, will fetch $32,115.

Despite everything the Hyundai Ioniq Hybrid does right, it's not perfect. The regenerative brakes felt slightly rubbery and more engine noise than necessary permeated the cabin. Likewise, there were some unwelcome rattles and squeaks in our tester's cabin, worth a second look — or listen — to determine if it was a one-off incident.

If this gas-electric Ioniq Hybrid is out to take on the likes of the Toyota Prius, it's off to a good start. It costs less money and burns less gas without suffering from any of the performance penalties imposed by the Prius' CVT. The appetite for hybrids these days may be as low as gas prices, but it's hard to argue with the Hyundai Ioniq Hybrid's bang for your buck.

THE CHECKLIST | 2017 HYUNDAI IONIQ HYBRID

THE BASICS

Engine: 1.6L four-cylinder electric motor, 1.56-kWh lithium-ion battery
Output: 139 horsepower, 195 pound-feet of torque combined
Transmission: 6-speed automatic
Fuel Economy (L/100 km): 4.2 city, 4.0 highway
Price: Starts at $24,000 (est.)

LOVE IT

- Easy to achieve max efficiency
- Affordable
- Cabin layout

LEAVE IT

- Quirky design
- Rubbery brake pedal
- Lack of rear seating space

CUSTOM

From grill to tail lights: A new type of tailor-made Aston Martin

Michael Accardi
AutoGuide.com

Aston Martin will launch an expansion of its tailor-made service Q by Aston Martin at the 2017 Geneva Motor Show.

Marek Reichman, Aston Martin's Chief Creative Officer, says the service has slowly expanded since its 2012 introduction.

"Now we have the opportunity to work with our customers and take personalization to a different level," he said.

The two-tiered program begins with Q by Aston Martin - Collection, an array of distinctive designs and exclusive enhancements that go beyond the standard options list — think of it like a secret menu. Collection brings exclusive paint and interior colors, plus unique leather quilt upholstery patterns, body-colored wheel inserts, and diamond turned spokes, along with new wood and leather interior touches.

Capping the program is Q by Aston Martin - Commission, a collaborative process with the Aston Martin design team, a conversation that becomes a car that Gaydon calls "the world of the truly bespoke, individual sports car."

"It's a commissioning process," says Dr Matthew Bennett, General Manager for the Q by Aston Martin service. "The customer is working much more closely with us here at Gaydon. The only limit is your imagination — every new commission starts with a blank sheet of paper."

One of Commission's first projects is working with Aston Martin's global dealer network to develop an ultra-limited series of cars with features and elements distinct to the region's demographics and geography.

However, those who want an entirely unique car simply have to ask. Aston Martin has a long history of building bespoke cars, recent examples being the CC-100 Speedster in 2013 and the Vantage GT12 Roadster last summer.

> **The only limit is your imagination — every new commission starts with a blank sheet of paper.**
> Matthew Bennett, GM for Q by Aston Martin

"You're talking about the fundamentals of how a car comes together," Dr. Bennett says. "There is as much reward in the interaction with Aston Martin as there is in the final car. It is a journey."

Those interested will need to get themselves down to company HQ, your local dealership, or Aston Martin's dedicated brand center in London's Mayfair district.

Exclusive DB11 from Q - Collection finished in Zaffe Blue paint. HANDOUT

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Mont-St-Hilaire, Que., offensive lineman Laurent Duvernay-Tardif plans to finish med school even after signing a $41.25-million deal with Kansas City

Queen of the mountain

SKI CROSS

Thompson a force with six World Cup wins this season

Vincent Man
Metro | Toronto

Marielle Thompson, right, of Whistler, takes off on the final jump during her Crystal Globe-clinching victory on Saturday in Miass, Russia. MATTHIAS HAUER/GEPA PICTURES

Marielle Thompson has resembled a blur this season.

In racing her way to victory after victory, Big Air Mar has already clinched the Crystal Globe — and with one World Cup ski cross race left on the schedule.

"It's nice to be coming back to Canada having the Crystal Globe wrapped up," Thompson told Metro News over the phone from Blue Mountain in Collingwood, Ont., where Sunday's race will be held. "I can just come to this final and just race, not have one more thing to worry about.

"I knew I was having a good season. I'm just glad it finished how I hoped it would."

Not only did the 24-year-old rack up her sixth win of the World Cup season on Saturday in Miass, Russia, she put on a thrilling show in which she won by the slimmest of margins. Trailing only Sandra Naeslund down the final stretch, Thompson carried enough speed off the last jump to outreach the Swedish skier in a photo finish.

"I knew it was a possibility to (clinch the Crystal Globe) but I didn't think it would be in such a fashion with me coming at the end and passing at the finish line," Thompson said. "It was pretty exciting."

The victory gave the Whistler skier an insurmountable 155-point lead over Naeslund in the standings and her third overall championship.

Thompson said her first Crystal Globe in 2012 validated her on the World Cup stage. The second time she won it in 2014 established her as a perennial contender.

And though heading into this season she was more intent than ever to win it again, she was surprised by how much of a force she has been.

"It's definitely very validating," Thompson said. "I knew going into this season I was strong and I was skiing well, so to be able to have the consistency all the way through and be on top for the majority of this season, it makes every minute in the gym and all that time and work worth it."

Though the Crystal Globe is in the bag, Thompson will have plenty to race for on Sunday. She said she wants to finish the schedule strong in front of a Canadian crowd, which will include her parents and little sister.

"I don't think I'm approaching it any differently," she said. "In the end it's still a World Cup (race) and I want to do my best. At the end of the day I do want to win."

As much as she has been a blur on the slopes in 2016-17, Thompson said it feels like the season has zoomed by as well with its onslaught of races.

Following last weekend's triumph in Russia, she didn't have much time to celebrate. She was whisked away back to Canada and made her way to Blue Mountain on Monday.

When the final World Cup race is over she will shift her focus to the Freestyle Ski and Snowboard World Championships held at Spain's Sierra Nevada. The ski cross finals will take place on March 18.

"Once everything is said and done I'm going to go home and just rest for a while because it's been a long season," Thompson said.

"We've had so many races since December it will be nice to relax."

"I'm still going to go out there and do my best like I do every other race. Marielle Thompson

RESUMÉ

Thompson is also the reigning Olympic champion in women's ski cross having won the gold medal in 2014 in Sochi, Russia.

GETTY IMAGES

IN BRIEF

Warriors lose Durant, then game to Wizards

Kevin Durant injured his left knee and departed after only 93 seconds, and Stephen Curry missed a potential go-ahead three-pointer late, all leading to a 112-108 victory for the Washington Wizards, who got a career high-tying 19 assists from John Wall on Tuesday night.

Durant hyperextended his knee and will have an MRI exam.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Forsberg leads Preds to W

Filip Forsberg scored 2:45 into overtime and the Nashville Predators came back to beat the Buffalo Sabres 5-4 on Tuesday night for their fourth straight win.

Forsberg, who now has 10 goals and four assists over the last six games, scored a goal and an assist in the final nine minutes of regulation to lead the Predators back from a 4-2 deficit. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Desharnais dealt to Oilers

The Edmonton Oilers acquired forward David Desharnais from the Montreal Canadiens in exchange for defenceman Brandon Davidson on Tuesday.

Desharnais, 30, produced four goals and 10 points in 31 games this season. Davidson, 25, played 28 games this season for Edmonton, recording one assist.

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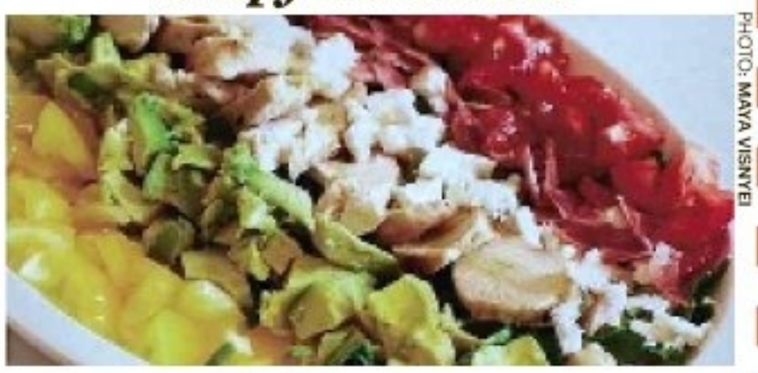
MAKE IT TONIGHT

Crispy Cobb Salad



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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

This mainstay of American luncheonette provides plenty of vitamins and minerals.

Ready in 1 hour 30 minutes
Prep time: 30 minutes
Cook time: 35 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 6 bacon slices
- head of lettuce (eg. romaine)
- 4 oz feta, crumbled
- 1 avocado, make 1 inch dice
- 2 tomatoes, make 1 - 2 inch dice
- 2 chicken breasts

For marinade:
- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- 3 cloves of garlic, minced
- 1 Tbsp fresh thyme
- 1/4 cup white wine vinegar
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp pepper

For dressing:
- 1/3 cup white wine vinegar
- 1 Tbsp dijon mustard
- 2 tsp honey
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- salt and pepper to taste

Directions

1. Whisk together marinade ingredients. Place chicken in a shallow bowl and cover in marinade. Cover in cling film and place in the fridge for 10 to 30 minutes.

2. Place dressing ingredients in a jar, put on lid, and shake. Set aside.

3. Sauté bacon until crisp. Drain on a paper towel. Crumble into small-ish pieces. Bake the breasts in the oven at 375 degrees; for about 35 minutes or until the internal temperature reaches 165. Allow the meat to rest for a few minutes and then slice across the breasts to make thin strips.

4. Wash, spin and chop the lettuce. Toss the lettuce in a bit of the dressing, maybe 1/4 cup or so. Make a thin layer of dressed lettuce on a large platter. Next arrange your ingredients in stripes down your platter: tomatoes, avocado, cheese, bacon, chicken, tomato. Serve with dressing.

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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

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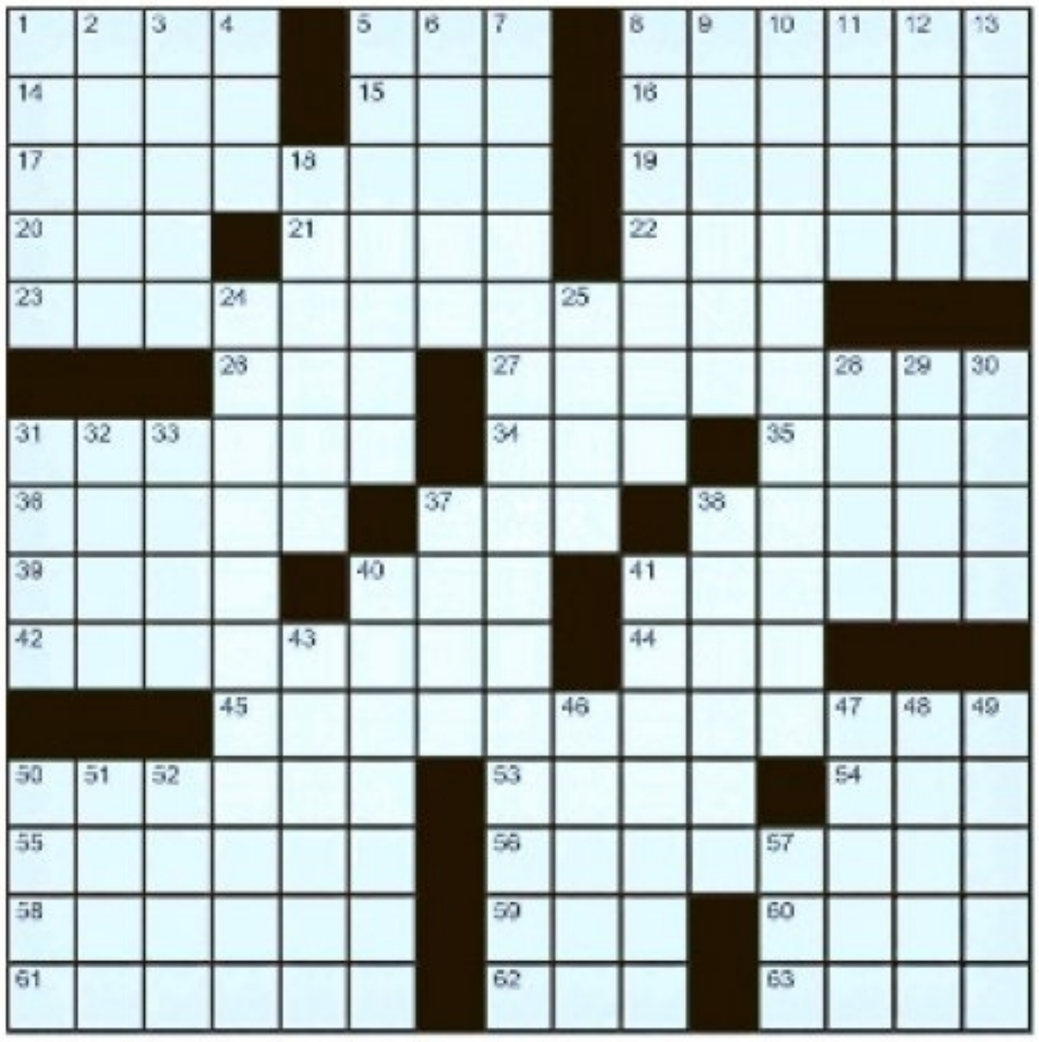

ACROSS
1. Canadian as Cdn.
5. _-relief
8. Premier of the Province of Canada, from 1854 to 1856, Sir Allan _ (b.1798 - d.1862)
14. Stethoscope sound
15. Li'l Edmonton transport
16. Getting _ _ (Employee's wish)
17. Neil Peart's time to shine: 2 wds.
19. Stuff in tea
20. Olympic sprint champion from Jamaica ...his initials-sharers
21. "Trainspotting" (1996) star Mr. Bremner
22. "Insensitive" songstress Jann's
23. First day of Lent: 2 wds.
26. Madness: "_ House"
27. Tracked toy racers: 2 wds.
31. Turbulent
34. Golf standard
35. "Drive thy business _ _ will drive thee." - Benjamin Franklin
36. Pulls on
37. Classify
38. Oscar-winning actress Jessica
39. Nero's 591
40. Chairman Mao's military gr.
41. Like some not-suitable-for-all movies: wd. + letter
42. Where to find "Savoy Truffle" on The Beatles' 'White Album': 2 wds.
44. Pub drink
45. Terrain in "Bud the Spud" by Stompin' Tom Connors: 3 wds.
50. Celebrated
53. Tripled letters here
54. Journey's "_ Way You Want It"
55. Poet T.S., and surnamesakes
56. Belonging to Edmonton's locale
58. Beside: 2 wds.
59. Gladiator's 551
60. _ Space Museum of Calgary
61. Begins to take effect: 2 wds.
62. Roosted
63. Choir-performed tune

DOWN
1. Per _ Ad Astra (Through adversity to the stars)
2. Digs
3. Makeup kit item
4. A.m.e.r.i.c.a.n. b.a.n.d.
5. Fluff-the-hair
6. "Over the Rainbow" co-composer Harold
7. Neolithic artifacts: 2 wds.
8. Bull's bane in Spain
9. Mount _ (Biblical peak for Noah)
10. Like chocolate-in-the-middle Smarties
11. "The Whole _ Yards" (2000)
12. Pet Shop Boys hit: "It's _ _"
13. Stiller and Affleck
18. No-_-_ (Biting midges)
24. Construction site footwear, fun-style: 2 wds.
25. Smelting waste
28. "Rule, Britannia" composer
29. John _ (Lorna Doone's beloved in literature)
30. "The Best of Times" band
31. Director Mr. Pollack, et al.
32. Danny DeVito sitcom
33. Post-vinyl music's whereabouts: wd. + acr.
37. Promote
38. Nan A. _ (Book publisher)
40. Fish, in Fabreville
41. Welsh _ (Melted cheese-on-toast dish)
43. "Tutti _"
46. _ _ story (Narrate)
47. "Ahoy, _!"
48. Make munitions-less
49. Vacuum brand
50. Marshes
51. Sailor's sheltered side
52. Combined/blended, archaically
57. "Way to go!"

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Be careful, because today you are tempted to do something rash. Heads up! Get centered and get a hold of yourself so you don't do something you later regret.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You feel restless today. The important thing to know is that this is just a temporary vibe that will grab you by the throat. Don't worry about it, because this will be gone by tomorrow.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Quite likely, a friend will say or do something that surprises you or catches you off guard. Be ready for this. Remember: Count to five before you react.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
A discussion with a boss or parent will be unusual today. He or she might throw you a curveball or do something you don't expect. (Don't quit your day job.)

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Travel plans will change today, or they might be canceled or delayed. On the other hand, you might suddenly have to travel even if you didn't expect to do so. Stay flexible today.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Double-check all details concerning inheritances, shared property, taxes, debt and insurance issues, because something might change suddenly. Be sure you know what's happening.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
A partner or close friend might act weird or unusual today, or perhaps he or she will have a strange request. Don't overreact — whatever happens will be history in a few days.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Your work routine will change today because of something unexpected. Staff shortages, computer crashes, equipment breakdowns and canceled appointments are just some examples. Steady as she goes.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
This is a mildly accident-prone day for your kids, so be vigilant. Likewise, romantic couples might have a spat. This is a minor influence, but it's there. Keep your eyes open.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Your home routine will be interrupted today. Small appliances might break down, or minor breakages could occur. Someone unexpected might knock on your door.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Surprise news might reach you today, or someone close to you might do something unexpected. On the upside, you can think outside of the box and dream up good ideas.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Watch your money and cash flow today, because you might find money or you might lose money. Similarly, guard your possessions against loss or theft.

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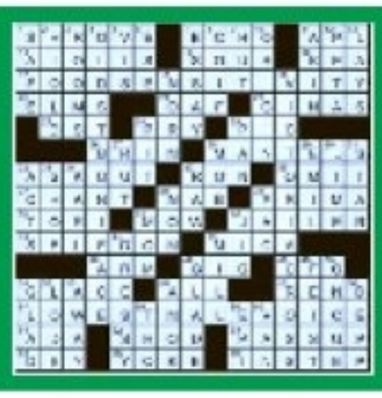

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